

#### Better Let Up on That Howl.

The Republican state convention, on Wednesday last, was organized on a compromise. The new boss combine be-Heving, after a count of noses, that it was able to dominate the situation, held a caucus and named the officers for both the temporary and permanent organizations, and after having selected the committees, proceeded to nominate delegates and to do the entire "and-so-forth" thing. Unlookedfor divelgences later that night convincing the conspirators that should they attempt to carry out their drastic program they would meet defeat from a decided majority, they proposed a compromise. This compromise was adopted by the Stanley side out of no fear but in the interest of harmony makes it possible for the retention of Albaugh as chairman. While this would be entirely satisfactory to Stanley and to Leand, as also to Senator Baker, Congressman Long and the party generally, no doubt, such a possibility does not meet with the approbation of the new ring whose masters of the situation. They are now doing the doubleleaded howling act in great voice. They emphasize their cry of wolf with the declaration that the retention of Alhaush is nothing short of the earliest Lelandism: that with Mort Albaugh chairman the prolonged howl of the past state? Evidently but very little. Not only must Mort, Albaugh and the others named subside from prominent activity, and scoper or later step down and out, but all their supporters must become adherents of the usurpation if they are to expect any consideration at the hands of the promoters and pets of the new deal, who had too hastily concluded that they had secured not only the delegation to the national convention and named the presidential electors, but owned a majority of the state central committee.

#### Do Not Sympathize With the Strike.

It was given out that the people of St. Louis sympathize with the street car strikers and that hence the strike must win. That turns out to be a mistake. The business for the strike and are out in a printed manifesto to that City strikers have gone down to St. Louis to take the places of the stelkers. This will make more trouble. From the published statement signed by hundreds of business firms and men of St. Louis, we excerpt the following, which clearly indicates that the people of St. Louis do not believe the strike has any warrant in equity or reason;

Enowing that public sentiment is the strongest factor the proper adjustment of all differences in which the summanity is concerned, and with a sincere desire to do what is best for the interests of the striking railway employes, we take occasion to frankly express our opinion of the domands they have made, which, after a careful study of them, candor compels us to say are so extreme and radhad in their nature that in the long run their own interests would not be conserved by having them accepted. No tribules organization could be well and successfully managed upon the lines laid down, and the interests of employes could never be well protected by employers who in their operations were compelled to ignore fundamental business principles

'Inasmuch as the belief may prevall that there is a sentiment upon the part of the business public in favor of the demands referred to, it is but fair to the siriking emplayes to promptly dispel any such impression, so that if they are relying to any extent upon the supposed existence of such a sentiment among us to help them succeed, they may know it is a mistake, and a correct knowledge of our views may save them loss of money and possibly loss of their positions."

## Possibility vs. Probability.

In spite of probabilities there are always possibilities in wir. The probabilities for several weeks past have all been versal of the situation arising out of the unexpected. Something in the way of an unlooked-for advantage or a situation not counted upon might perch victory upon the republican banner in South Africa. The Boers are said to have explained their failure to make a stand at Kroonstadt by the assertion that while their frontal position was practically imprognable, the enormous sweep of Roberts' great army and the tremendous force of his cavalry made a battle hopeless. Since the same theory would probably hold good at Pretoria, where Roberts is certain to be reinforced by Buller and his army, it begins to look as if the end of the war is approaching. It will be the inevitable crushing of a brave body by an overwhelming force, so the Boers, while whipped, will have nothing to be ashamed of.

## London Squirms Over Boss Croker.

The Boer peace commission is with us, and now the American people are to hear the other side of the story which is on the side to which they have all along been holding. Even Dick Croker, who is almost as much of an Englishman as an American. The London Express demands that Englishmen estracise Richard Croker for expressing sympathy for the Boers. This would be a crushing blow to Croker, who, it is well known, is happy only when in the circle of the Prince of Wales, a duke or two or a belted carl, and who has obtained all his notorioty simply by close and prolonged attendance on pink tens, green coffees and like society functions. Deprived in England of this means of expressing the finer side of his nature, he would probably will and die, were it not for the fact that if he is driven out of first-class baccarat circles because of his pro-Boar expressions he will perhaps be taken into that how grade of society in which Morley and Bryce and several scores of well known Englishmen are to be found, bankhed, as it is Britain is in small business in South Africa. However, if uppermost for eight years. London succords in piercing the tough cuticle of Croker it will have done more than New York could do.

## Postage Stamp Books Prove Popular.

The postoffice department is sending out the second supply of the books of postage stamps which have proved so popular. The first issue consisted of 2,000,000 books. which were distributed among the principal postoffices of the country and were all taken within a few hours of the time in which they were placed on sale. The supply at the Washington office was ordered one morning at 9 o'clock.

Before 12 it was entirely exhausted and the postmaster sent an urgent appeal by messenger for more. At Pitts burg and Philadelphia the sales were quite as rapid.

The first issue, however was an experiment and the cond, which is now being sent out, will show several imby thing sheets or paraffine paper similar to that used by the telegraph companies for their books of franks; but books were placed in the pocket the heat of the body caused the stamps to adhere to the paper. The new issue will be supplied with sheets of tissue paper that have been boiled in linseed oil, and no stamp will stick to it unless it is wet In making an investigation Assistant Postmaster General Madden found a man who had been carrying postage stumps between the same sheets of linseed-oil paper for seven years in all kinds of temperature, which suggested a series of tests and an adoption of that material.

Another innovation will be a change of colors on different sizes of books. Those containing 25 cents' worth will be in one color, these with 49 cents' worth of another, and those of 97 cents worth of another, which will enable the postoffice clerks to distinguish them without being compelled to count the pages.

#### You May Fire, Gridley, When Ready.

Congress has at last opened its purse strings, in the matter of granting increase of pension to the widow of Captain Gridley, of the Olympia. Under a law a widow of a navy captain is entitled to but \$30 a month pension, but, in view of the merits of this particular case, Mrs. Gridley has been granted \$20 additional, making her total monthly

When one considers the splendor of the receptions to Admiral Dewey, the gifts or real estate, swords, loving cups and hundreds of other valuable tokens of esteem that have been fairly showered upon him, we are led to reflect how unevenly the goods of this world are divided, and how capricious are the smiles of Dame Fortune. Mrs. Gridley in her widowhood standing by the grave of her noble husband who obeyed the order, "You may fire Gridley when you are ready," glad to receive for herself and her family, after two years of waiting, the paltry monthly allowance of \$50, is indeed a pathetic figure, and one sufficient to have a voice in the management of party affairs in the cause belief in the old proverb regarding the ingratitude

#### American Apples at Paris.

One of the most important exhibits that the United States has at the Paris foir is that of American fruits. Up to the present time several European governments have refused to permit the entry of products of our orchards, except under severe restrictions, to their markets, on the ground that they are impure and covered with vegetable vermin of various kinds. Germany, in particular, has been extremely harsh in her rulings against our fruits, as well as other food products, and it is to the present exhibition that our growers are looking with considerable hope for the breaking down of the prejudice against us.

Every section of the country is represented by an ex hibit of some kind of fruit, but it is the American apple that queens it over all rivals. There is not a state having mon of St. Louis do not believe that there is any just ground any importance as an apple grower that is not represented by at least 200 barrels of our product. Pennsylvania has a remarkably fine exhibit, and is perhaps second only to California in this respect, while Virginia, New York, Indiann and Connecticut are also big exhibitors. Other fruits are not neglected, and, on the whole, we have reason to be proud of the showing that we make

It is to be hoped that the agricultural department will be successful in its effort to break down the projudice against the products of our orchards. It exists because of radically unjust charges made against them. But with such an object lesson as our exhibit it is hard to believe that prejudice and ignorance can last much longer,

#### Calling for American Coal.

The export of the American bituminous coal to Europe promises to begin with a rush. Already a contract for the delivery of 60,000 tons, mostly intended for use in Germany and Belgium, is reported to have been made. Report says that contracts providing for the shipment of an equal amount monthly will be made shortly-destined for the continent, for the most part, but with some provision for calls from Great Britain.

Russia, too, is looking to America for bituminous coal in large quantities to meet the needs of her imperial transcontinental railways. For some time ahead the prospect that we shall sell to Europe many "black diamonds" from American mines is excellent indeed.

## Just the Quaker City's Way.

The pleasing intelligence comes from Philadelphia that the \$100,000 pledged to the national committee by its citizens' Republican committee, to secure the presence of the next national convention in that ancient bailiwick, has been raised at last. It would seem as if it were a difficult matter for the Republicans of the Quaker City to get together this amount, but better late than never, and folks in that town have not the reputation of rushing things, as against the Boers. But there is still the possibility of a re- a cule. But one thing is certain—the vote of Philadelphia and the state of Pennsylvania will be found in the Republican column on election day, as has been its custom since 1856, when its favorite son, James Buchanan, carried it the last time for the national Democracy.

> By carefully selecting his words, Mayor Van Wyck or New York spoke at great length to the Boer delegates and managed adroitly to say nothing. The mayor of New York s considered in New York greater than the president of the United States. This feeling is shared by the mayor.

> Paul Kruger will now pull out of Pretoria and establish his government in another town. It hasn't been an hundred years since Great Britain's army was in possession of Washington, D. C.

In the midst of a political convention in Kentucky Governor Taylor buried his head in his hands and wept bitterly. Politics in Kentucky is as intense as a lovers'

At Johannesburg the women are serving on the polloforce in order to let the men join the Boer army. In this way the women who are hysterical and worned can get a

When the Republican party puts a thing in its platform that thing is carried out. Free homes went into the Republican platform, and today the settlers have free nomes. Every Oklahoman has a right to feel joyful, but no man

in Okinhoma has the right to tack on to a new-born babe the name Dennis Free Homes, as is suggested in one case. When President McKinley addressed Dennis Flynn as

proposed to banish the Tammany boss, for believing that tion by numerous local ralifications. The question has been

Cupid With a Jimmy,

When John Trumbull fell in love with vivacious and sprightly Gertrude Moore no one would ever have suspected that he was a scholar, a thinker and a settled man of 40. His general actions were those of a youth of 18 undergoing his first care of love. The upshot of it was that ween these two became engaged Miss Moore pulled Mr. Trumbull around by his philosophical nose and made him as philosophical nose and made him to her fiddling as suited her ca-us and changing moods. Marri-found the same condition of af-Every domestic question was de-

cided by Mrs. Trumbull.

But as the years went by, as the years have a way of doing, Mr. Trumbull gradually awakened to the one-sided state of affairs. Mrs. Trumbull, being selfish and possessing a thistiedown in-tellect, fancied that it would not do to let Mr. Trumbull know that she was at

sidered that dainty wife of his quite the smartest, cleverest woman in the world, but, strange to says he was becoming aware of her peculiar powers of dictating and laying down the law. John was quiet and inoffensive, and just the kind of a man that offers spiendid opportunities for the woman with a will of her own. For a long time Mrs. John did not observe that her husband's substantial admiration was growing thin almost to a shadow. But when she did had the bill was not from South Dakota almost to a shadow. But when she did realize it, the blow was something fear-

One morning John didn't kiss his wife when he went downtown to business. She moped and wept and scoided the baby and the klichen maid, and then decided she didn't care. From that time on things went from bad to worse and from worse to even worse than that. Once in a great while when John's olde vision of love for his wife came he would take her in his arms and her that she was the prettiest thing n the world. Following her old-time tacon his bad choice of a necktie or let loose the pleasant information that his colar was soiled on the edge. John't heart would sink and he'd tramp off to work feeling like an orphan asylum in a June 15. We fear that the free home derby hat and creamed trousers.

As it was not John's nature to war against anyone, he simply kept himself out of Mrs. John's way. Sunday afternoons he went out for a walk. Someons he went over to the North Side to ed out-both house and furniture being destroyed. The generous citizaly destroyed. The generous citizaly destroyed.

begged to speak to Mr. Trumbull. He "Is that you, Gertrude?"

"Yes, John, And won't you come home, please. I let Sadie take baby over to your mother's, and everybody in the building is out and I'm having the fidgets. I don't know what I'm scared about, but I'm just nervous." "All right, dear," said John, and home

he went, not stopping long enough to finish up the recollections of the college fight. At home he found his wife sitting curied up on a little settee looking very much as she had looked with five years before he had begged and entreated and kissed her into saying "Yes." She was twisting her handkerchief into little wads

and ropes, and he knew by that that she was distracted about something.
"I know you think I'm a silly to feel this way when it's not even twilight this way when it's not even twingit yet. But I know positively that some-body tried the kitchen windows while I was lying down, and I just couldn't get over it. I always was afraid of burglars and ghosts." And then she had a nerv-

John said nothing. He took out a copy of Spencer and lighted a cigar. After a time the baby was brought home and put to bed. Mrs. Trumbull had recovered from her nervousness and was peck-ing out from behind a window shade l's-

tening to a conversation that was going on in the court. on in the court.

The servant employed by the family in the apartment just below the Trumbulls' abode was in the flat opposite talling the occupants of that place that she was unable to get into the house.

"I can't turn the key, and if you don't

Then came a crash. It was a terrific then stuck her head out of the window, and with the help of half a dozen other feminine vaices called: "Mary! Mary! What's the matter?" '

What's the matter?"

The repir was a velley of sobs and queals winding up with: "The flat's held in Kansas before.

seen robbed!" Mr. Trumbull was surprised to see his with with hair streaming down her back posed the following toast: and hands clutching the folds of a bath Women, they have ma robe, go scooting through the library out into the hall and down the stairs. In ten minutes she returned. Her eves were big and black and scared teeth were chattering, and her hands were busy with each other. She curied up on the divan and looked at her hus-

Smith's flat has been robbed and there's Smiths hat has been recorded and the street of the street some the street all are to the some of Kansas. Some and the house—oh, you just ought to see it! It's knee deep with the things that they've pulled out of the dressers and wardrobes."

John continued to read his Spencer.

"That's too bad," he said. Stience of five minutes. "John." she spoke very softly, "Yes?" he asked, not looking up from

John, do you know I'd just be scared stiff if you weren't here."

John smiled sadly.
"You won't go off on that hunting trip,

-II-II," he drawled uncertainty. "I just won't let you now. They might come in and take my old candlek or the baby, or my grandmother's of thina. And-I'm not a bit afraid

when you're here. Honest, I'm not."
John's chest swelled up. This was something new. He threw Spencer on the floor and went and looked at his re-

Outlines of Oklahoma.

May 17 has become a mighty important date in the history of Oklahoma. President McKinley was the first man o ever address Dennis Flynn as "Sen-

The Oklahoman of Oklahoma City is going wild with admiration for men in other states who worked for free homes. The William Pond Lumber company, headquarters of which are at Wichita, has fifteen yards in Kansas and Okla-

county are seeking a new name for the fusion forces. They are tired of the title of "Free Silver Party."

There ought to be a big ratification of some kind in Oklahoma addressed by Dennis Flynn, with a long telegram of

all fond of him.

But, as said before, a change finally came over John's heart. He still considered that dainty wife of his quite the sidered that dainty wife of his quite the spirit and took his pen in hand.

and not from Minnesota. It was from Okiahoma.

Some of the settlers in Okiahoma proved up because they had to; others proved up because they had no faith in free homes; they are the fellows who are weeping wetnes in sight right now.

The counties in Kansas north of Okla-homa did not get free homes. The land was Indian land and was paid for by the settlers. Part of the mortgage troubles of this part of Kansas grew out of this fact. It is an evil that Oklahoma will

Sunday last, the day before free homes passed the senate, the Shawnee Demo-erat said: "It has been decided that congress must adjourn not later than gress adjourns, and that it will merely

see an old college chum of his. These entirely destroyed, trips were his only dissipations.

One Sunday afternoon, when he and immediately see his old friend were discounted by the college of the colle trips were his only diesipations.

One Sunday afternoon, when he and and immediately secured enough funds his old friend were discussing some partor replace Mr. Stone's house on a ticular exciting college scrimmage that larger scale. We commend such generous had taken place fifteen years back, the conduct as worthy the example of larger telephone bell rang, and a woman's voice places. The above was formerly the property of Thomas Pemberton.

The smartest thing politically the opp sition in Oklahoma could do to make Flynn's election next fall unan imous. But that is what they will no Free homes will fill the county offices with Republicans this fall, will make the legislature overwhelmingly Republican, and the only possible defense open to the opposition would be to in-dorse Flynn's nomination and climinate a congressional campaign in Oklahoma A dispatch from Okiahoma City says: Oklahoma City has the honor today of entertaining a distinguished foreigner Mr. Yomamato, of Japan, a man of noble blood and a kinsman and business repre sentative of the noted house of Mitsu, the bluest-blooded and wealthlest princes of Japan. Mr. Yomamato is here to investigate the cotton situation and to appoint a representative and open a branch in Oklahoma City. The distinguished foreigner is highly educated and speaks English like a native. He is the guest, while here, of Messis, McPherson and Nelson, of the Compress company.

#### Along the Kansas Nile.

The state Republican convention in its platform indorsed Senator Baker Forty-one bables were born in Lonetre ownship, McPherson county, last year, At the Topeka convention no one was killed, no one injured, and mighty few

In Kansas the fellows who gather in groups and talk politics are called "The done. It will Hot Ale Club."

"I can't turn the key, and if you don't mind, ma'am, I'll go through your window."

The people ddn't mind at all. They even held the cirls areal and a the will be well as the complete the first day of the new century. It will cost over \$25,000. even held the girl's parasol and pocket-book while she clambered from one win-dow sill to the other.

that been appointed an assistant secre-tary at the Kansas Democratic national convention.

Several of the Populist and also the crash. Had the girl fallen into the court? Democratic papers in the Seventh dis-No. The sounds that came from the floor trict are not carrying at the top of their No. The sounds that came from the floor below were unlike those heard when Hendrick Hudson played ninepins in the Adisondacks. At that point came a shrick, such as the stage heroine gives yent to when the villain gets after her with a butcher knife. It was sickenins. Mrs. Trumbull waited half a second, then stuck her head out of the window. An Atchison Republican asserts that the Republican convention at Topeka Wednesday had more resemblance in its

An Abliene woman at a banquet pro-

Women, they have many faults, Man have only two;

Everything they say, And everything they do.

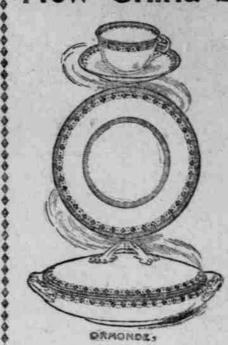
There are politicians in Kansas who believe that if Cr Leiand were thrown out of a five-story building onto a rock pavement below, he, while going, would arrange with the pavement to be soft. John, what you you think? The in the place just below him.

Speaking of Jo Bristow's assignment to

he will carry the ticket with him; if he is defeated he will carry the ticket to defeat with him; and that his choice for state chairman should be paramount. There is a quarrel among the officers who captured Estelle in Lyon county, over which man is entitled to the re-ward, and as a way to settle the quarrel some one suggests that the reward be turned over to Mrs. Hoberts, the widow of the officer Estelle shot and killed.

A girl at West Fork, Arkansas, signed her name to a note and placed it in a strawberry box which resented Arkansus City, Kansas, and was found by a mail who has been married fifteen years. note read: "Hello to the one who gets this box of berries. I am working in the in more berries, so thought I would write volver. Then he tried the diningroom in many berries, so thought I would write out and doubled them up to see if his muscle swelled up is it did when he was

# Mrs. McKinley's New China Set....



Mrs. McKinley has ordered for the White House is to be of course, of American manufacture. It will be dec. models to be followed say that the scheme is very beautiful and that the set will compare favorably with the Lincoln, Hayes and Harrison china. The design as approved by Mrs. McKinley to simple, yet very decorative. In the center of each plate will be the copyrighted design that appears on the Harrison plates-the American eagle and the shield and the words "E. Pluribus Unum." Around the border of the new plates will be placed the arms of the thirteen original states in colors. -Eagle Editorial.

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When President McKinley addressed Dennis Flynn as "Senator," the president unconsciously let out that state-hood, in his opinion, is pretty hear Oklahoma.  There are still indications that some day, probably within the next three hundred years, Japan will be rash enough to jump on Russia.	volver. Then he tried the diningroom windows. After that he threw his arms out and doubled them up to see if his muscle swelled up is it did when he was a lad at school.  He walked back and forth through their bit of a fat and held his head up high. Then he sat down beside that inthe tyrant of a wife and looked her in the eyes.  She gisgled hysterically and ran her	spondent in Cuba during the war, was	To WICHITA EAGLE, Wichita, Kans. 1  For the enclosed remittance of Contact Con
Today Okinhorna will bid adieu to the free homes agita, it on by numerous local ratifications. The question has been uppermost for eight years.  With the relief of Mafeking England will have released all her beleaguered. And thereafter the Boers will be the ones besieged.	used to do when poor John was so crazy with love for her that she could have pulled out every hair of his head and he'd never have known it. "Dear," John said softly, "I never knew before that there was any place for me in this house, that I filled any want here. But now I find that I am	Miss Reasoner was not successful at gathering haws, was not in Cuba, but at Kingston, Jampics, and made berself the subject of ridicule by the loudness of her attire and the frequency with which she changed dresses.  J. M. Hagaman, the Concordia editor	portrait in colors as described in today's paper.  Name  Date  Address
Few men are given the privilege, as Dennis Flynn has, of wearing the titls "Senator" before getting the office.  Laing's Nek is at last icoming up in the Boer war. Buller is headed that way and may meet a cyclone.  If the Bar delegates want to silr up America they will be careful not to speechify too much.	useful, that I am a hurgiar-searer, God hiese that man that state those things down-stairs. It'll be hard on the Smiths, but it's a mighty fine thing for ma." And they fived happy ever after, for had for a week, as the burgiary only took place that far back.—Helen Follett. It is the sate man who enjoys meeting people who put their foot in R.	writes to N. P. Buwenbark, his auto-in- isw in Aichtaon, that he still May It from Seattle. Hingaman and Majinos have the most original gold mining ou- fit ever notice up. They have made a househout at Seattle) and parked fit mostitic provisions in tt. In the same	the gold from the sand along the rivers and to the taken Thy least will be transported to Cape Nome and will be transported to Cape Nome and will be transported to Cape Nome and will be exceed that he had put nearly all to exceed that he had put nearly all to excite to the family of tag proporters to the family be an absorbely positive of making his money by the set in the exterpolar.